

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 12, 14 and 15 and ADD new claim 16 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A theft-prevention ink pack device, comprising:
 - an ink pack, consisting of a bag containing ink, that is placed inside a case having a front board on which an ink spout is formed;
 - a spring that urges the ink pack and a knife edge to close in on each other ~~and, the spring thereby applies~~ applying pressure to the ink pack;
 - the knife edge that tears the ink pack; and
 - an engaging structure that is engaged to support a state in which the ink pack and the knife edge are spaced apart from each other, and is disengaged when an outer force is applied; wherein:
 - the ink pack and the knife edge close in on each other by means of a spring force of the spring when the engaging structure is disengaged so that the ink pack is torn by the knife edge, and the ink pack is pressured, resulting in the ink shooting out from the ink spout.
2. (original) The theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
 - the knife edge is a portion of the front board of the case and is formed by cutting and bending said front board at the rim of the ink spout.
3. (original) The theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
 - a pressboard positioned at the back side of the ink pack; wherein:
 - the spring, arranged between the pressboard and a back board of the case, urges the pressboard toward the front board of the case; and
 - the whole ink pack is pressured by the pressboard.
4. (original) The theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
 - the spring is a conical compression coil spring.

5. (original) The theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

- a pressboard positioned at the back side of the ink pack; wherein:
- a plurality of conical compression coil springs are implemented as the spring, said conical compression coil springs being arranged between the pressboard and a back board of the case and urging the pressboard toward the front board of the case; and
- the whole ink pack is pressured by the pressboard.

6. (original) A treasure safe comprising:

- a box main body in which the theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 1 is implemented;

- a door that opens by being rotated;
- a locking device that locks the door and is unlocked upon opening the door;
- a connecting structure that connects the door to the theft-prevention ink pack device;

and

- a disconnecting structure for disconnecting the connection made by the connecting structure when the locking device is unlocked.

7. (original) A theft-prevention ink pack device, comprising:

- a case including a case main body that is made up of side board portions and a front board portion having an ink spout and a knife edge that is directed inward, and a back lid member that covers the back side of said case main body;

- a support member, having a plurality of support lugs, that is slidably arranged on the inner side of the front board portion;

- a tray member that is supported by the support lugs in a state of being spaced apart from the knife edge;

- an ink pack, consisting of a bag containing ink, that is arranged on the tray member;

- a pressboard positioned on the back side of the ink pack; and

- a spring member arranged between the pressboard and the back lid member in a compressed state; wherein:

- the support provided to the tray member by the support lugs is released when the support member is moved, the tray member, the ink pack, and the pressboard are moved to the front board portion by means of the spring force of the spring member, the ink pack is torn by the knife edge, and the ink pack is pressured by the pressboard so that the ink shoots out from the ink spout.

8. (original) A treasure safe comprising:
a box main body in which the theft-prevention ink pack device as claimed in claim 7 is implemented;
a door that opens by being rotated;
a locking device that locks the door and is unlocked upon opening the door;
a connecting structure that connects the door to the theft-prevention ink pack device;
and

a disconnecting structure for disconnecting the connection made by the connecting structure when the locking device is unlocked.

9. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
a main body having a front portion, a back portion and side portions;
a support member slidably arranged in the front portion of the main body and having at least one support lug;
an ink spout provided on an inside of the front portion of the main body to allow ink to be released therethrough;
a knife portion provided on the ink spout and protruding inward in a direction away from the ink spout;
a tray member to be supported by the at least one support lug of the support member;
an ink pack comprising ink therein and arranged in the tray member; and
a spring provided near the back portion of the main body, wherein when the support member is moved, the tray member and the ink pack are moved toward the front portion of the main body by a force applied by the spring causing the ink pack to contact with the knife portion and to release ink through the ink spout.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
a pressboard positioned at the back portion of the main body, wherein the spring is arranged between the pressboard and the back portion of the main body and the spring urges the pressboard toward the front portion of the main body and the pressboard applies pressure to the ink pack.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the knife portion is a part of the front portion of the main body and is formed by cutting and bending the front portion in at a perimeter of the ink spout.

12. (currently amended) A method comprising:
applying a spring force to an ink pack inside a cash box to cause the ink pack to move,
thereby causing the ink pack to contact a knife portion in the cash box,~~to thereby so that~~
~~release ink~~ is released from the ink pack into the cash box.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the spring force is
applied to the ink pack when an external force is applied to the cash box, to thereby release the
ink from the ink pack into the cash box and to contaminate contents of the cash box.

14. (currently amended) A ~~method~~ cash box comprising:
means for applying a force to an ink pack inside ~~a~~ the cash box to cause the ink
pack to move, thereby causing the ink pack to contact a knife portion in the cash box,~~to thereby~~
~~so that release ink~~ is released from the ink pack into the cash box.

15. (currently amended) A cash box comprising:
an ink pack comprising ink therein;
a knife portion to puncture the ink pack; and
means for applying a force to the ink pack to cause the ink pack to move, thereby
causing the ink pack to be punctured by the knife portion so that the ink is released into the
cash box.

16. (new) A cash box comprising:
an ink pack comprising ink therein;
a knife portion to puncture the ink pack; and
a spring applying a force to the ink pack inside the cash box, to thereby move the ink
pack in a direction to be contacted with, and thereby punctured by the knife portion so that the
ink is released from the punctured ink pack into the cash box.